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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OMAN/PRC RELATIONS

REF: STATE 38743

1. IN MARCH 9 MEETING WITH OMANI AMBASSADOR, DEPUTY  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER OUTLINED U.S.G. IMPRESSIONS ON  
PRC ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST, EMPHASIZING THAT HIS POINTS SHOULD  
BE TAKEN AS FACTUAL RATHER THAN RECOMMENDATORY. SOBER  
STATED THAT PRC APPEARED TO HAVE LITTLE INFLUENCE ON  
EVENTS IN MIDDLE EAST AND NO GREAT STRATEGIC INTERESTS  
THERE. CHIEF CONCERN OF CHINESE WAS USSR, AND THEIR  
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MIDDLE EAST POLICIES REFLECTED THAT CONCERN. WHILE ONCE A  
SUPPORTER OF RADICAL ELEMENTS, PRC HAD COME TO EMPHASIZE  
STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS REGARDLESS OF IDEOLOGY. THUS ITS  
RELATIONS WITH EGYPT AND IRAN IMPROVED LARGELY BECAUSE  
THOSE COUNTRIES WERE PERCEIVED TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF PRC'S  
ANTI-SOVIET POLICIES. FOR SAME REASON PRC TERMINATED AID  
TO DHOFAR REBELS AND SOUGHT COOPERATION WITH MORE MODERATE

ELEMENTS OF PLO. IN SHORT, PRC ATTITUDES APPEARED IN MANY WAYS TO PARALLEL OUR OWN, AND, WHILE CHINESE DO NOT USUALLY SAY SO OPENLY, THEY APPEARED HAPPY WITH GAINS ACHIEVED BY U.S. IN MIDDLE EAST OVER LAST FEW YEARS.

2. DEPARTMENT'S PRC DESK OFFICER STATED THAT U.S. POLICY VIS-A-VIS CHINA WAS STILL BASED ON PRINCIPLES ENUNCIATED IN SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. NORMALIZATION WAS GOAL, BUT PACE AND MODALITIES OF ACHIEVING THAT GOAL WERE NOT YET DETERMINED. WE BELIEVED IMPROVEMENT IN SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS WAS IN INTEREST OF ALL COUNTRIES. A MAJOR PROBLEM, OF COURSE, WAS TAIWAN.

3. OMANI AMBASSADOR SAID HE APPRECIATED INFORMATION, WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS ALONG LINES OMANGOV WAS SEEKING. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT DECISION MIGHT BE TAKEN.

4. COMMENT: QUESTION OF SAUDI ATTITUDE TOWARD A PRC-OMANI RAPPROCHEMENT DID NOT COME UP, BUT AMBASSADOR LATER TOLD DESK OFFICER HE WAS SURE OMANGOV WOULD KEEP THAT VERY MUCH IN MIND.

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